

WEEKLY DIARY ITEMS - LBZSA

24 September 59 Thru 30 September 59

(U) Communication Satellite Program

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Contract negotiations were completed with General Electric on 23 September 1959, and the file is now being prepared for initial review. However, a recent development has prevented us from processing the file until a certain decision is made by the Director of Procurement. This decision stems from a difference of opinion between LBZS and LBPF as to whether or not to take advantage of General Electric's original offer to sustain the first 1.7 million of any overrun on the contract. Colonel Bishop will probably make this decision Friday, at which time the contract will either be renegotiated or submitted for initial review.

(U) Letter Contract AF 04(647)-449 Aeronutronics System - Program 609A

AFEMD has approved the Program (revised) Test Plan (Phase II) and the Contractor has indicated that his definitive cost proposal will be submitted on or before 2 October 1959. Definitization of the Letter Contract is contemplated by 31 October 1959.

(U) Contracts with Space Technology Laboratories, Inc.

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Contract AF 04(647)-361. Negotiations for the definitization of the Tiros, Transit, and Courier portions of this letter contract commenced 28 September 1959 with preliminary discussions on terms and conditions. Work Statement and cost negotiations are scheduled for the week of 12 October 1959.

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(U) Procurement of Second Stage ABLE-STAR Booster

The Source Selection Board convened on 15 September to initiate the selection of a contractor for two second stage ABLE-STAR Boosters. Ten booster manufacturers were selected to participate in the competition. Because of the tight launch schedule and to minimize any delay, the Request for Proposal with a preliminary Work Statement was furnished at the Pre-Proposal Briefing on 24 September 1959. The final Work Statement will be mailed on or about 2 October and Proposals are due on 19 October.

(U) Systems Engineering and Technical Direction for WS 315A

Letter Contract AF 04(647)-481 has been written and approved by the Procurement Committee subject to some minor changes. The contract is being printed and will be sent to Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., for execution on or about 1 October 1959.

(U) Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc. - Contract AF 04(645)-65 - The funding problem is being resolved by two documents now in process:

1. Supplemental Agreement No. 52 which definitized Letter Contract Designated as Supplemental Agreement No. 15 has been initially approved by IBPC subject to clarification of certain elements of negotiation. This document obligates \$5.5 million and is scheduled for execution during the week of 5 October with manual approval at Hq AMC to follow.

2. Change Order No. 54 which incrementally funds \$13 million is being reviewed on 1 October 1959 with distribution scheduled for the week of 5 October.

(U) Contract AF 04(647)-236 - Yardney Electric Corp.

This contract procured 60 batteries for use in the missile programs. Yardney delivered the 60, however, two of the batteries failed to activate during missile launch count-downs. It has been established by BMD that the cause of failure was due to a cracked trigger housing within the battery caused by age deterioration. Yardney has advised BMD that they will modify the batteries by replacing the trigger housing with a housing fabricated from a material which will not deteriorate. Inquiries to the field are being made by BMD to determine the unused quantity of batteries which will require modification. BMD will require Yardney to modify the batteries at no cost to the Government since the specification under which the batteries were built required that the batteries have a three-year shelf life. The batteries are not yet two years old.